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### Office Action Summary

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10/662,755

**Applicant(s)**

GRISWOLD ET AL.

**Examiner**

SUNIT PANDYA

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/11/08 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-14, 16-29, 31-42, 44-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gauselmann (US Patent Publication 2003/0216174).

Claims 1, 32, 45, 56 & 64: Gauselmann discloses of a game play via a gaming apparatus, wherein the gaming apparatus comprises of a value input device to receive a value input from the player (figure 1, elements 22, 24), and causing the first display unit to display a first game (0021, 0020). Gauselmann also discloses of selecting one of

plurality of player input displays, wherein the display corresponds to the game related to the first game display (figures 2, 0015, 0020), and the second display to display the selected player inputs (figures 1 & 2), wherein the player input data is received through touch screen for the game (0020, 0026). Gauselmann also teaches of selecting another of player input displays (figure 2), and causing the second display unit to display the selected other of the plurality of player input displays (0026, 0029, 0041), and receive player input data associated with the selected other of the plurality of player input displays via touch screen (0041, 0044). Gauselmann also determines the outcome of the game and awards the player accordingly (0046).

Claims 2, 3, 18, 19, 33, 46 & 47: Gauselmann discloses that the second display unit displays at least one button (0026, 0041 & 0042).

Claims 4-9, 20-23, 34-37, 48 & 49: Gauselmann discloses of causing the second display unit to display a background (0015, wherein the background could be an image, a graphic or a video).

Claims 10, 24, 38, 57 & 65: Gauselmann discloses the second display unit to display second game display (0021, 0026 0015, wherein the selected one of the plurality of player input displays comprises the second game display).

Claim 11, 12, 26, 27, 39 & 40: Gauselmann discloses of the first display unit to display a bonus game, or an event, while causing the second display unit to display the second game display (0015, 0026, 0041-0042).

Claim 13 & 28: Gauselmann discloses of selecting the one of the plurality of player input displays based on player input (0020).

Claims 14, 29 & 42: Gauselmann discloses of display unit for displaying a user interface for player tracking information (0018).

Claims 16, 31, 41, 44, 50, 51, 58 & 66: Gauselmann discloses of receiving player input data via one button separate from the second display unit (figure 1, element 42, 0026).

Claims 17 & 25: Gauselmann discloses of a game play via a gaming apparatus, wherein the gaming apparatus comprises of a value input device to receive a value input from the player (figure 1, elements 22, 24), and causing the first display unit to display a first game (0021, 0020). Gauselmann also discloses of selecting one of plurality of player input displays, wherein the display corresponds to the game related to the first game display (figures 2, 0015, 0020), and the second display to display the selected player inputs (figures 1 & 2), wherein the player input data is received through touch screen for the game (0020, 0026). Gauselmann also teaches of selecting another of player input displays (figure 2), and causing the second display unit to display the selected other of the plurality of player input displays (0026, 0029, 0041), and receive player input data associated with the selected other of the plurality of player input displays via touch screen (0041, 0044). Gauselmann also determines the outcome of the game and awards the player accordingly (0046). Gauselmann also discloses the configurable control panel unit comprising plurality of lights beneath the panel to illuminate/de-illuminate the panel (0035-0037)

Claims 52-55, 59-63, 67 & 68: Gauselmann discloses of plurality of lights beneath the buttons to cause button on the panel corresponding to the selected one to be illuminated and de-illuminate the buttons accordingly (0035-0037, 0041)

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15, 30 & 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gauselmann as applied to claims 1-14, 16-29, 31-42, 44-68 above, and further in view of Rothschild et al. (US Patent Publication 2005/0054438).

Claims 15, 30 & 43: Gauselmann teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including the plurality of player input displays comprising user interfaces unrelated to the game play (0015, discloses information which are informative for the player but are not related to the game play), however fails to teach of an interface for ordering a drink, a food item, a ticket to a show, or any other services provided by the casino.

Rothschild et al. teaches of displaying player tracking information as well as information related to player ordering drinks, food, ticket to a show etc (figure 1). It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have implemented ability to order drinks and other items, thus providing an excellent

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service to the player and thus increasing player loyalty because the player is encouraged to frequently visit the casino to earn more points on the players card and thus obtain more rewards (0005).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-68 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Examiner's Note***

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUNIT PANDYA whose telephone number is (571)272-2823. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on 571-272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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